

specification includes pages 1-82. Please substitute those pages for pages 1-95 of the original application. A marked-up version of the substitute specification, showing the changes made thereto by way of brackets (for deletions) and underlines (for additions), is attached to the substitute specification.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 2-15 without prejudice and without disclaimer of subject matter.

REMARKS

The present application is a division of copending U.S. Patent Application No. 09/848,360, filed on May 4, 2001, now allowed, which is a division of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/248,102, filed February 11, 1999, now U.S. Patent 6,267,636.

Claims 2-15 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter; only Claim 1 is pending. The specification has been amended to refer to the parents of this application.

Applicants presently intend to file additional papers in this case shortly. Should the Examiner take this case up for action before receiving such papers, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Pursuant to MPEP § 609, Applicants understand that the Examiner will, as part of his examination of this application, consider the art of record in the parent application. A Form PTO-1449 is enclosed herewith, citing the art of record in the parent application.

Pursuant to MPEP § 609, no new copies of the art listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449, except for U.S. Patents 6,313,815 and 6,309,272, are provided herewith, since those copies were submitted in either parent Application No. 09/848,360 or grandparent Application No. 09/248,102. However, additional copies of that art will gladly be submitted, if needed, upon the Examiner's request.

For the concise statement of relevance of Laid-Open Japanese Patent Application No. 64-31332, the Examiner is respectfully referred to page 3 of the original specification, and to the English Abstract of that document, of record in one or both parent applications. The publications by W.P. Dyke et al. and C.A. Spindt et al., listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449, are discussed at page 1 of the original specification, and the publications by C.A. Mead and M. I. Elinson et al. are discussed at page 2 of the specification. The publications entitled "Experimental Physics Lesson 14, Surface and Fine Grains" and "Ultra Fine Particles - Creative-Science and Technology", listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449, are discussed at pages 12-13 of the original specification. Each of the mentioned documents may be pertinent for the reasons set forth in the relevant portions of the specification, and the Examiner is referred to those portions of the original

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specification for the concise statement of relevance of those publications.

For the concise explanation of relevance of non-English document 8-7749, the Examiner is referred to the English translation thereof, which is of record in the parent applications. Document 9-237571 is a Japanese counterpart of U.S. Patent 6,221,426 listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449, and document 8-7749 is a Japanese counterpart of U.S. Patent 6,169,356 listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. The Examiner also is referred to document 8-334124 for an English translation of document 9-237571.

Listed U.S. Patents 6,313,815 and 6,309,272 matured from U.S. Application Nos. 08/820,028 and 09/213,859, respectively, of record in parent Application 09/848,360.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Applications:

| <u>APPLICATION NO.</u> | <u>FILING DATE</u> | <u>Group Art Unit</u> |
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| 09/060,354 | 4/15/98 | 2673 |
| 08/418,093 | 4/6/95 | 2861 |

A copy of each cited Application is enclosed.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by

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